

PREP. MEETING
MINISTERS & ELDERS

New Bedford Preparative
Men Meeting
Women Ministers & Elders

1887-1892

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND



Preparative Meeting
for Sufferings.

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101.41.6	New Bedford Preparative
No.	Meeting
A	Men
3	Women Ministers & Elders
New Bedford	1867-1892
1867-	YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
1892	FOR NEW ENGLAND

Members of Preparative meeting of Ministers
and Elders for Mo. Meetings of Dartmouth, West-
port and New Bedford —

3^d mrs. 1881.

Dartmouth.

E- Moses Smith

E- Maria B. Smith

" Ephraim Gifford

" Huldah Gifford

" Angelina Ricketson

Westport

M- Mary E. Gifford

E- Phebe Glade

New Bedford.

Members of Reg. Meeting of Ministers & Elders
for M^c. Meets of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford

3rd. 1871

(Dartmouth

E. Isaac R Gifford 1848 D	M. Phoebe R Gifford 1846
(7. N B) George Almy - 1854	E Maria B Smith 1861
Moses Smith - 1851	" Huldah Gifford 1861
M3+3 Geo Francis - 1842	" Angelina C. Sidley
E-Ephraim Gifford	

Westport

M. Wm P Macomber 1870	E Phoebe Glade - 1869
E Nathl Gifford - 1869 D.	M-Mary E Gifford

2+1

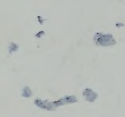
(New Bedford)

M. Josiah Holmes R 1848	M Susan Howland 1822 D
" Elnathan E Delano 1849 D	" Mary Shove - D
E Wm L Taber - 1853	" Rachel S Howland 1849
D. " Wm T Howland 1853 D	E Lydia Congdon - 1849 D
D. " Joseph Kempton 1850 D	" Mary Gifford - 1848 D
" Chas R Tucker - 1860 D	" Sarah H Anthony - 1853
" Taber Wood - 1860	" Deborah Wing, - 1853
" Matthews Howland 1869	" Hannah Tripp - 1853 D
" Beth H Allen - 1869	" Betsey P Wood - 1853
" Matthew Parney 1857	" Eliza C Davis - 1860 D
Geo. Almy by minute 1872 D	" Anna G Wood - 1860
	" Dorcas F Tucker - 1869 D
	" Susan Taber - 1869
	M A Smith

10+13

9+11

5+4



Dartmouth

Thebe R Gifford 1846

~~Hannah Sted~~ 1830

2 Eliza Hull by minute

2

Westport 6

Isaac D Gifford 1848

Geo Almy 1854

3 Moses Smith 1860

~~Anna E Almy 1854~~

Maria B Smith 1860

3 Studdah Gifford 1860

Barbara Gifford 1835

New Bedford

EP Abm Davis 1835

A ~~John R Davis~~ 1803 Dec.

u Josiah Holmes 1848

54 Eluatha Edlans 1849

NB Susan Howland 1822

NB Mary Shove by minute

NB Rhoda H Taber 1846

NB Rachel S Howland 1849

8 67

19 14

19 members 34 elders

7 men 14 men

12 women 20 women

6 men 13 men

13 women 19 women

19 32

NB Wm Taber 1853

NB Wm Howland 1853

ST Jor Hempton 18 Dec

NB Chas R Tucker

A ~~Taber Wood~~ Remd.

5 Taber Wood Retired 1872

NB Mary Gifford 1848

NB Lydia Congdon 1849

NB Sarah H Anthony 1853

NB Deborah Wing 1853

H Hannah Tripp 1853

A Betsey P Wood 1853

ST Eliza C Davis

NB Anna G Wood

H 9 Tamar Gifford by minute

14 13 E

34 9 - 18

Members of Select Prep. M^s 1865

Sandwich

Minister Lemuel Gifford 1839 Elden David K Akin 1847

Newell Storie 1846 David Kelly 1848

3 Ruthery Wing 1852 Jos Wing 1850

Dec^d ~~Mathew Gifford 1829~~ 4 ~~Jos & Porce~~ 1850
Margaret Brown 1848

Ruth W Baker 1844 Eliz Swift 1850

Eliz Gifford 1849 Peter Akin 1859

Mercy K Wing 1851 ~~Abby W Holway 1859~~

Eliz Dillingham 1851 Rebecca A Gifford 1860

~~4~~ ~~5~~ Eliz C Wing 1861 ~~5~~ Mary K Wing

~~Mary Stagg~~

Mary Stagg by minutes

Charity Dillingham 1866

Gifford

1866 Pembroke

18

1 Sam Brown 1869

~~2~~ Mary Shepard 1846

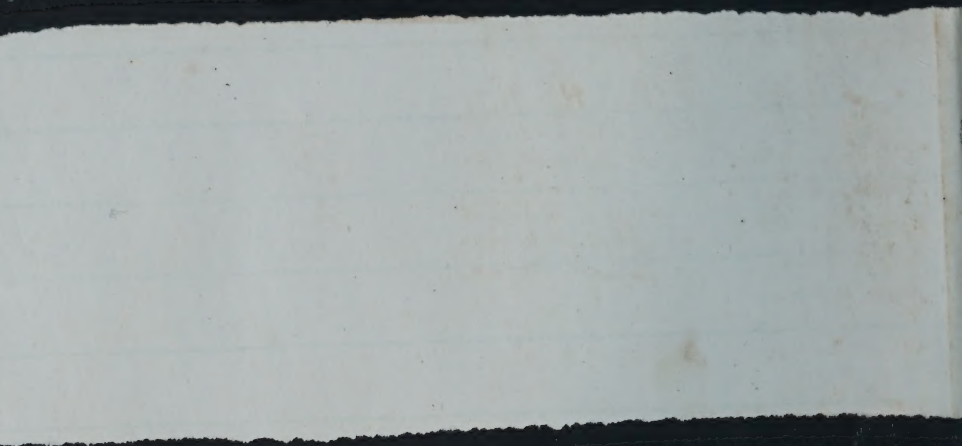
Nantucket

1 Matthew Bamy 1859

~~2~~ Lydia B Mitchell 1859

✓ J Rifford
✓ L. Holmes Jr
✓ Ch R Tacher
✓ Geo W Francis
Mora Smith
✓ Salk R. Akin
✓ Labra Wood
✓ W C?
Walter Leford
✓ Jas. H. H. Rifford

Lucas H. Anthony
B P Wood
Rk Howland
Susan Talen
Mara B. Smith
Dorcas A. Tacher
Henry Gifford



At a meeting of ministers and elders,
held at New Bedford for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford Apr 20
1867

The queries were read in this meeting,
with answers which were approved & directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing select quarterly
meeting - and we appoint Moses Smith
Isaac P Gifford ^{Wm P Howland} Rhoda St Taber Polley
P Wood & Maria J Smith to attend as our
representatives. To report at our next
meeting.

The representatives to our last select
quarterly meeting attended it.

Attest Wm St Taber cl.

present 19 members

At a preparative meeting of ministers
and elders held at New Bedford for
the monthly meetings of Dartmouth Westport
& New Bedford 11th mo 22^d 1867

The representatives to our last select
Quarterly meeting report that they all
attended.

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly meeting and we appoint our friends
Geo. Henry Joseph Holmes & Joseph Keenlow
Rachel & Howard Mary Gifford & Stoddard
Gifford to attend as our representatives.

To report their attendance to our next
meeting.

Attest Wm C Taber & Co.

present 20 members

At a preparative meeting of members and
 elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly
 Meeting, of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford
 Dec 20th 1868

The time for which the Clerk was appointed
 having expired Oub Taber is continued
 to that service for the year ensuing.

The queries were read in this meeting
 with answers which were approved and direct-
 ed to be forwarded to the ensuing Select Quarterly
 Meeting and we appoint Moses Smith,
 Wm P Howland Joseph Kempton Betty Wood
 Rhoda H Taber & Eliza Hull to attend it as our
 representatives. — To report their attendance
 at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last Select ^{the} Quarterly
 meeting report their attendance.

At a preparative meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford Dec^r 5 1868

The Committee appointed at our last meeting, on the subject of the appointment of elders referred to us by Westport-monthly meeting report that they are united in proposing the names of Nathaniel Gifford and Thebe Blade for that station which being separately considered were united with, and the clerk is directed to inform Westport-monthly meeting of our conclusion by forwarding a copy of this minute.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers which were approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Select Quarterly meeting. And we appoint our friends Isaac A Gifford Josiah ^{not} Holmes & Mosey Smith Thebe A Gifford, Patsy P Wood & Lydia Congdon to attend it as our representatives.

7+10 The representatives app^d to attend our last Select 2^d Meet^g all report that they attended WtI clerk

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At a preparative meeting of ministers
and elders held at Westford for the
monthly meetings of Dartmouth Westport
& Westford Qu^{ers} 1865

The clerk reports that a copy of the
minutes made at our last meeting in
relation to the nomination of elders was
forwarded to Westport monthly meeting.

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders
and we appoint Josiah Stoney, Isaac
W. Gifford, Wm. P. Howland, Sarah St. Anthony,
Mary Gifford & Anna C. Wood to attend it
as our representatives — To report their
attendance at our next meeting

The representatives appointed to our last
Quarterly meeting of ministers & elders report
that they all attended except one who was
necessarily absent

present 7 + 8

West W^m C. Taber clerk

At a preparative meeting of Ministers
 & Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly
 meeting of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford
 the 20. 1868

The representatives to our last Quarterly
 meeting attended it except one who was pre-
 vented by illness —

The queries were read in this meeting
 with answers which were approved and
 directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Part⁴
 meeting of Ministers & Elders; — and we have
 appointed our friends George & Mary Joseph
 Kempton Nath^l Gifford, Studdah Gifford,
 Hannah Torpp & Phebe Glade to attend it
 as our representatives. To report
 their attendance at our next meeting

Attest

present 9 + 13

Wm C. Lober Clerk

A preparative meeting of ministers & elders held at New Bedford for the monthly meeting of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford Jan^y 19 1869

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired Wm^l Taber is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders and we have appointed our friends Wm^l Howland George Almy Josiah Holmes & Anna G Wood, Thebe R Gifford and Rachel Howland to attend as our representatives.

To report their attendance to our next meeting.

Attest Wm^l Taber clerk

At a preparative meeting of ministers
 & elders held at New Bedford for the monthly
 meetings of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford
 Dec^r 4 1869.

The representatives to our last Quarterly
 Meeting attended it.

The queries were read in this meeting
 with answers which were approved and
 directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
 meeting of Ministers & elders and we appoint
 our friends Isaac R. Gifford Chas. R. Tuckers
 Gith H. Akie, Maria T. Smith Rhoda St.
 Taber and Anna G. Wood. to attend it as
 our representatives. To report their atten-
 dance to our next meeting.

Attest

Wm C. Taber Clerk

9x13.

At a preparative Meeting of ministers
and elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly
Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New-
Bedford Jan 17 1869

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting attended & except one prevented
by indisposition

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting of ministers and elders and we
appoint our friends Moses Smith Isaac R
Pifford Wm L Tabor Anna G Wood Maria B
Smith & Rhoda St Tabor to attend it as our
representatives. To report their attendance
to our next meeting.

Wm L Tabor clerk

At a preparative Meeting of Ministers
and elders held at the house of Sarah St Anthony
in New Bedford for the monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford
11th 79 1869

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting, report that they all attended.

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and
were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

We appoint our friends Nathaniel Lifford
George Almy, Elnathan E. Delano, Maria
H Smith, Rachel S Howland & Priscilla
to attend that meeting as our representatives
to report to our next meeting.

Wm C Lober Clerk

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford Decr 8th 1870

The Representatives to our last select Quarterly
Meeting, report that they all attended.

Wm C. Taber is reappointed clerk for the
ensuing year.

The Queries were read in this meeting with
answers which were approved and directed to be
forwarded to the ^{ensuing} Quarterly Meeting of Ministers &
Elders and we have appointed our friends
Wm P. Howland, Moses Smith, Matthew Howland,
Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker & Fiebe P. Gifford,
to attend it as our representatives. To report their
attendance to our next meeting.

Must Wm C. Taber clerk.

Attendance 10 + 10

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At a preparative meeting of Members and
Elders for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
Westport & New Bedford held at New Bedford
Nov 3 1870

The representatives to our last Select
Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended
except one who was prevented.

The queries were read in this meeting with
answers which were approved and directed to
be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
of Members and Elders and we have appointed
our friends Joseph Simpson Matthew Howland
Geo. Hunt Maria B Smith Dorcas F Tucker
& Anna G. Wood to attend as our representatives

To report their attendance to our next meeting

Attest V. M. L. Libber Clerk

Attendance 9 + 11

4 + 16

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford for the monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford Quarts 1840

The representatives to our last select Quarterly Meeting report their attendance

The queries were read in this meeting with answers which were approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Seth N. Aker, Josiah Holman, Maria Smith, Maria B. Smith, Sarah H. Anthony and Susan Taber to attend the same as our representatives. - To report their attendance at our next meeting

Wm B. Taber Clerk

At a preparative meeting of ministers & elders
for the monthly meeting, of Dartmouth Westport
and New Bedford held at New Bedford 14th 1st 1870

The representatives to our last select Quarterly
Meeting report they all attended.

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting of Ministers & elders and we appoint
our friends Nathl Safford, Geo May Wm C.
Taber Mary Safford Dorcas F. Tucker and
Huldah Safford to attend the same as our
representatives. To report their attendance
at our next meeting

Attest Wm C Taber clerk

attendance 11 + 10

A special meeting of the Preparative Meeting
of ministers & elders for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford held at
the call of the clerk at New Bedford Jan 23 1891

A written communication from our
dear friend Wm. P. Macomber stating his
belief that the dear Master has required of him
that he should visit in gospel love the approaching
Yearly Meeting of New York and attend to any
other ^{religious} service. He may point out during the
session of that body was laid before as by the
clerk. This concern claiming the feeling
consideration of the meeting was fully united
with and he was left at liberty to lay the same
before Westport Monthly Meeting, with our
desires for his preservation and that He who sends
him forth would be pleased to be with him
and strengthen him for the service required

Wm. C. Taber Clerk

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9+10
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At a preparative Meeting of
Ministers and Elders for the Monthly
Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and
New Bedford held at New Bedford
3rd Mo 17. 1871.

The Clerk being absent Chas R
Tucker is appointed for the day.

The representatives to our last Select Tr
meeting report they all attended.

The queries were read in this Meeting
with Ans, which were adopted and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Tr meeting of Ministers and Elders,
and we appoint Geo Army, Wm J
Howland, Seth K Skine, Phileas R Gifford
Jacob H Anthony and Maria B
Smith to attend that meeting as
our representatives. To report their
attendance to our next Meeting.

Atts Chas R Tucker

Present 8 M & W
1 visitor

Clerk for the day

A preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford held at
New Bedford on 2. 1871

The time for which the Clerk was ap-
pointed having expired William's Taber
is appointed clerk of this meeting until the
time of our annual appointment next year.

The representatives to ~~the~~ ^{our} last
Quarterly Meeting, report their attendance.

The queries were read in this meeting, with
answers which were approved and directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing, Quarterly Meeting, of
Ministers & Elders and we appoint Moses Smith
Charles R Tucker Joseph Kempton Huldah Gifford
Lucas F. Tucker & Susan ^{Smith} are appointed to attend
that meeting, as our representatives. To report
their attendance to our next meeting,

At a preparative Meeting of Ministers and
elders for the Monthly meetings of Dartmouth
Westport & New Bedford held at New Bedford
Apr^o 22 1891

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting reported their attendance

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were approved and were
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting of Ministers and elders. and we
appoint our friends Isaac R Gifford Nathl.
Gifford Seth H. Skin Huldah Gifford Dorcas
F. Tucker & Anna G Wood to attend that meeting
as our representatives. To report their
attendance to our next meeting.

Attest

Wm C. Labor Clerk

At a preparative meeting of Ministers
and elders held at New Bedford for the monthly
meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford
1^{mo} 17 1871

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting of ministers & elders attended except
one not able to attend.

The queries were read in this meeting with
answers which were approved and were directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
of ministers and elders. And we appoint
our friends Matthew Howland Moses Smith
Wm E. Tabor, Huldah Gifford Phoebe Wade &
Rachel Howland to attend the same as our
representatives. To report their attendance
to our next meeting

attest

Wm E Tabor Clerk

9+10

2 visitors

Answers to queries 9th 41 mos. 1871

- 1st Ministers & elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.
- 2^d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.
- 3^d The lives of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain unity among ourselves and with the meeting we belong to and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.
- 4th They are concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness which truth requires in dress language and true moderation and endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves.
- 5th They endeavor to be peacemakers in families and in the church. Also to be careful in the maintenance of the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful stewards.

In a preparative meeting of Ministers
& Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly
Meetings of Dairmouth, Westport & New Bedford
3rd 22 1872.

Wm L. Taber was reappointed Clerk
of this meeting for the ensuing year.

The queries were read in this meeting
and answers prepared which were directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
of Ministers & Elders, and we appoint
our friends, Seth H. Allen, Charles R. Tucker,
Abner Smith, Maria H. Smith, Susan Taber,
& Sarah H. Anthony to attend it as our
representatives. To report their attendance
to our next meeting.

We are informed that the representatives to
our last Quarterly Meeting attended it

7+5

Attest Wm L. Taber Clerk

Answers to Queries 2nd 1872

1.st Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and are concerned to bring their families with them. — They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage each of ~~their~~ families to this duty as are desirable.

2.^d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3.^d The lives of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain unity among ourselves and with the meetings we belong to, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

4.th A concern is felt to fulfill the requirements of this query.

5.th They are concerned to be peacemakers in families and in the church. — Are careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families there from, and to administer justice as faithful servants

At a preparative meeting of ministers
and elders held at New Bedford for the monthly
meetings of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford
Nov 7 1872

The representatives to the quarterly meeting
report their attendance

The queries were read in this meeting and
answers prepared which were directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing quarterly meeting of
ministers and elders and we have appointed
our friends Wm B Taber Nathl Gifford Moses
Smith Anna's Wood Sarah St Anthony and
Jettie P Wood to attend it as our representatives

To report their attendance to our next meeting

Alas! Wm B Taber Clerk

5 + 7

Visitors 14

Answers to Queries Aug 1872

1st Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and are concerned to bring their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline and encourage such of their families to their duty as are sensible.

2^d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, we believe are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3^d The lives of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain unity among ourselves and with the meetings we belong to, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

4th A concern is felt to fulfill the requirements of this query.

5th They ~~are concerned~~ endeavor to be peacemakers in families and in the church; also to be careful in the maintenance of the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom; and to administer justice as faithful servants.

At a Preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford
 Dec^r 20 1872

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance except one prevented by illhealth -

The queries were read in this meeting and answers prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Geo. Blinney Josiah Holmes & Wm P Macomber Thos^r Glade Rachel S. Howland & Anna D Wood to attend it as our representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting -

(The answers to the queries sent to the 2^d meet^g in the Seventh M^o. were adopted at this time)

At a preparative meeting of ministers
and elders held at New Bedford for the monthly
meetings of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford
11^m 22 1872

~~The representatives to the Quarterly~~

A copy of the Discipline as revised and
adopted by our last Yearly Meeting was presented
to this meeting and the articles relating to the or-
ganization & service of our preparative meetings of
ministers and elders were read to our satisfaction
and acceptance.

We are informed that one of ^{our} ~~the~~ representatives
^{attended} ~~to~~ our last Quarterly Meeting and that the others
were necessarily prevented.

Isaac R. Gifford Seth H. Allen Wm. Tabors
Rt. J. Wood Maria A. Smith & Dorcas F. Tucker
are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting of ministers and elders as our representa-
tives, to report their attendance to our next
meeting.

The queries were read in this meeting and
answers prepared which were directed to be

forwarded to the Quarterly meeting of ministers and elders

Answers forwarded to the 22nd Dec 19

50th Ministers and elders are diligent in the attendance of their meetings for worship and discipline when of ability to do so and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

2^d The wives of ministers and elders are in good measure ~~blameless in the exercise of their gifts~~ are clean & blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain ~~careful we believe are careful to wait for~~ ~~unity~~ unity among ourselves and with the meetings we ~~divine ability and are thereby preserved from~~ belong to and to labor harmoniously together for the honor ~~of our brethren~~.

of truth
3^d They endeavor to rule their own houses well and also by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our religious profession.

4th We believe that they are preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement ~~and~~ ^{or} counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry ^{or} ~~and~~ conduct.

At a preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford Dec^r 21 1873.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed having expired and the present clerk desiring to be excused from a reappointment. Wm^l Taber is appointed to that service for the day.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance.

The queries were read in this meeting and answers prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and Seth K. Atkin, Josiah Holmes & Geo. W. Francis, Dorcas F. Tucker Sarah St. Anthony & Susan Taber were appointed to attend it as our representatives. To report their attendance to our next meeting.

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Wm^l Taber Clerk for
the day

March 8 + 6

1 Visitor

Answers forwarded to 24th⁹ of Ministers & Elders

- 3^d. Ministers and elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to ~~promote~~ the attendance of their families.
- 2^d. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain love and unity both among themselves and with the meeting, to which they belong, and to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth.
- 3^d. A concern rests with our members to rule their own houses well, and also to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our ~~Christian~~ profession.
- 4th. ~~We trust~~ Ministers and elders are we ~~trust~~ preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct.

A General Conference of the
 Elders held at New Bedford for the
 purpose of selecting the time and place for the
 G. N. G. 1873.

Matthew Nookland is appointed clerk
 of the Meeting for the ensuing year or until
 another appointment.

Also the Representatives to our
 Quarterly Meeting report their attendance—

The Queries were read and answers thereto
 were also approved and directed to be forwarded
 to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
 Elders and Charles R. Tucker, Isaac R. Gifford,
 Nathaniel Gifford, Deacon F. Tucker, Peter P.
 Wood, and Huldah Gifford were appointed
 to attend it as our representatives—To report
 their attendance to our next Meeting.

attest Matthew Nookland, clerk.

(The Answers to the Queries sent to the
 2^d Mtg in the Fourth mo. were adopted at
 this time.)

Present 11+8.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford 9th mo.
19th 1873 for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford -

The representatives to the Quarterly
Meeting attended to their appointment -

The Queries were read in this meeting
and Answers prepared which were approved
and directed to be forwarded to the
ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders next to be held at Sandwich
and we appoint our friends Josiah Holmes
William C. Taber, Nathaniel Gifford,
Betsey P. Wood, Susan Taber & Huldah Gifford
to attend as our representatives - To report
their attendance to our next Meeting

attest

Matthew Howland
Clerk

Present 7 + 7.

Answers forwarded to 2^d Mtg of Ministers & Elders -

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -

2^d The lives and conversation of Ministers and elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men - they are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and are concerned to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -

3^d They are engaged to rule their own houses well; and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in a good degree preserved in love: and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require, in reference to Ministry or Conduct -

At a Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 11th mo 21st 1873.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance with one exception -

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers adopted which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Moses Smith, Seth W. Akin Isaac R. Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah W. Anthony and Rachel S. Howland to attend it as our representatives - To report their attendance thereof to our next Meeting -

Attest

Matthew Howland Clerk.

(The Answers to the Queries sent to the Quarterly Mtg in the 10th mo were adopted at this time)

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford 3rd mo. 20th
1874 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
Westport and New Bedford -

The representatives to our last Quarterly
meeting report their attendance -

The Queries were read in this Meeting
and Answers approved, which are directed to
be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
and we appoint our friends Nathaniel Gifford,
Charles R. Tucker, Isaac R. Gifford,
Loudiah Gifford, Susan Taber and Anna
G. Wood to attend it as our representatives -
To report their attendance to our next Meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland cl. k.

Present 8+9

over -

- Answer forwarded to 2^d Mtg of ministers & elders 3^d mo 74.
- 1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -
- 2^d The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men - We desire that more unity may be witnessed amongst us, in order that we may be qualified to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -
- 3^d Ministers and elders are concerned to rule their own houses well: and endeavor by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession -
- 4th They are in a good degree preserved in love: and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 6th mo 5th 1874.

The time for which the clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired, we are united in the reappointment of Matthew Howland as clerk for the year ensuing or until another appointment -

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance -

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and Answers prepared, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends Seth K. Akin Isaac R. Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr - Dorcas F. Tucker, Huldah Gifford + Betsey P. Wood to attend it as our Representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting.

Attest M. Howland, clerk

The Answers sent to Quarterly Meeting on 4th mo
adopted at this time

Present 9 + 10.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 9th mo. 18th 1844.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance -

The Queries were read at this time and Answers prepared which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and appoint our friends Jabez Wood Moses Smith, Matthew Howland - Dorcas F. Tucker, Susan Taber and Sarah M. Anthony to attend it as our representatives - to report their attendance to our next meeting -

attest

M Howland clerk

- Answers forwarded to 2^d Mtg of Ministers + Elders -
- 1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship + discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -
 - 2nd The lives and conversations of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men - We desire that more unity may be witnessed among us, and that we may be more ^{earnestly} ^{praiseworthy} engaged to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -
 - 3rd Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well; and endeavor by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession -
 - 4th They are in a good degree preserved in love; and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 11th 20th 1874. for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford —

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance with one exception

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends William C. Taber, George W. Francis, Seth W. Akin, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford and Dorcas R. Tucker to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next meeting —

attest Matthew Howland, clerk

Answers forwarded to Quarterly Mtg of Ministers + Elders.
 1st Ministers and Elders are generally diligent in attending their Meetings for worship + discipline and careful to promote the attendance of their families—

2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. We earnestly desire an increase of unity among us, and of harmonious labor together for the honor of truth—

3^d They are concerned to rule their own houses well; and we believe they endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession—

4th They are in a good measure preserved in love: and are engaged to administer encouragement or Counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct—

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 3^d mo. 19th 1875 for the Monthly Meetings of Dantmouth, Westport and New Bedford - Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended -

The Queries were read in this meeting and Ans was prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Isaac R. Gifford, Nathaniel Gifford, Matthew Howland, Betsy P. Wood, Phebe R. Gifford & Maria B. Smith to attend it as our representatives, to report their attendance to our next meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland clerk

The Answers sent to Quarterly Meeting in 11th mo adopted at this time -

at a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 6th mo 4th 1875 for the Quarterly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford -

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired we are united in the appointment of Matthew Howland clerk for the year ensuing or until another appointment -

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting ^{report} they attended with one exception, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned -

The Queries were read and Answers prepared and approved, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends Ephraim Gifford, Wm C. Taber, Seth W. Akin, Huldah Gifford, Dorcas F. Tucker and Anna G. Wood to attend as our representatives to report their attendance to our next meeting -
Matthew Howland, Clerk.

Answers forwarded to 2^d Mo^y Ministers & Elders 6th mo 1875

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline and generally careful to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd Ministers and Elders are concerned that their lives and conversation should be blameless among men. We trust a concern is also felt to maintain unity among ourselves and with the meetings we belong to, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -

3^d They endeavor to rule their own houses well: and also by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession -

4th We believe they are in good degree preserved in love: and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to morality or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 9th mo 17th 1875 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report, they attended with two exceptions, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned -

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers which were approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders next to be held at Sandwich and appoint our friends Isaac R. Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr, Charles R. Tucker - Sarah M. Anthony, Phebe R. Gifford and Anna G. Wood as our representatives - to report their attendance to our next Meeting.

Matthew Howland, clerk
The clerk was directed at this time to inform Dartmouth (9+8) Mo. Mtg, that we would call their attention to the fact that Geo. W. Francis a minister & member of this meeting has taken steps in life inconsistent with our Christian profession and the station he occupies -

Answers forwarded to 2^d M^y Ministers & Elders 10th mo 75.

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd With two exceptions, the lives & conversation of Ministers and Elders are we believe in a good degree clean and blameless among men - they are in unity one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong, and are concerned to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth -

3^d They are engaged to rule their own houses well; and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in a good degree preserved in love: and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

at a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 11th mo 19th 1875 for the Monthly Meetings of Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford -

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance with one exception whose absence was caused by sickness -

The clerk reports attention to the duty assigned him at our last meeting -

The Queries were read in this meeting and Answers approved which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Moses Smith, Seth K. Akin, William P. Macomber, Mary E. Gifford, Betsey P. Wood, and Maria B. Smith as our representatives to report their attendance to our next meeting -

H. Howland, clerk.

Answers forwarded to 2^d Mtg, Wm. Lins & Elders 12th Nov 73

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd The lives and conversation of ministers and Elders are we believe in good measure clean and blameless among men. A concern is felt to maintain unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -

3rd They endeavor to rule their own houses well; and also by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in good degree preserved in love: and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative meeting of ministers and Elders hld at New Bedford 3^d mo 17. 1876 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford -

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they were all present -

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers prepared & approved which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Isaac R. Gifford, Chas. R. Tucker, Josiah Holmes & Mary E. Gifford, Maria B. Smith and Sarah H. Anthony to attend it as our representatives To report their attendance to our next meeting -

attest

8+9

Matthew Howland
Clerk.

(The Answers to the Queries sent to the Quarterly meeting in the 12th mo. 75 were adopted at this time -)

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 6th mo 2nd 1876.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance except four, whose absence we learn was caused by sickness -

The Queries were read and answers approved which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends William C. Taber, Ephraim Gifford, Nathaniel Gifford - Sarah W. Anthony, Phebe R. Gifford and Anna G. Wood to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting -

attest Matthew Howland
clerk.

No change in Answers -

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At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 9th mo 22nd 1876.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance -

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers approved which were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, William P. Macomber, Seth H. Ahin - Phebe Slade, Mary E. Gifford, and Anna G. Wood to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next meeting -

attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

(Answers same as last Meeting) -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford 11th mo 17th 1846 for
the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
Westport and New Bedford -

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
report they all attended except two for whose
absence a sufficient reason was assigned -

The Queries were read in this Meeting
and answers approved which were directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
of Ministers & Elders and appointing as
William C. Taber, Moses Smith, Ephraim
Gifford, Rachel S. Howland, Huldah Gifford,
and Phebe R. Gifford to attend it as our
representatives and report their attendance at
our next meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland,
Clerk

At a Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford 3^d mo 16th 1877.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance -

The Quiries were read in this meeting and answers approved, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Ephraim Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr. William P. Macomber - Huldah Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony and Betsy P. Wood to attend it as our representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting

attest

Matthew Howland, clerk

Answers forwarded to 2^d Mtg Ministers & Elders 4th mo 1877.

1st Ministers & Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for Worship and discipline and careful to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd The lives and Conversation of ministers and Elders are we believe in a good degree clean & blameless among men - A concern is felt to maintain unity one with another, and ^{with} the Meeting to which they belong, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -

3^d They endeavor to rule their own houses well: and also by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are mostly preserved in love: and are engaged to administer encouragement or Counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford 6th 10th 1877 for the
Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport
and New Bedford

The Clerk being absent Josiah Holman Jr
is appointed Clerk for this time

The records not being present the
Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
did not report their attendance

The Queries with answers adopted
were read and directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
next to be held at Falmouth by our friends
Isaac R. Gifford, G. W. A. Kim, Moses
Smith, Maurice B. Smith, Phoebe R. Gifford
& Susan J. Thompson whom we appoint
Representatives to attend said meeting
and report to this meeting -

Having transacted the business brought before
us in much harmony & love we conclude propo-
sing to meet again in 9th mo

Attest Josiah Holman Jr Clerk
for this time

Answers forwarded to Dy Wly of Ministers & Elders Feb 1877

1st Ministers & Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship & discipline and careful to promote the attendance of their families

2^d The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean and blameless amongst men - They are in good degree united one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and a desire is felt to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth

3^d They are careful to rule their own houses well and endeavor by example & precept to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession

4th They earnestly desire and are in good degree preserved in love, endeavoring to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct

at a Preparative meeting of ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 9th mo 21st 1877 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth report they attended except one who was prevented by sickness in the family -

The Queries were read at this time and the following answers adopted which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint our friends Wm C. Taber, Josiah Holmes Jr, Matthew Howland, Anna G. Wood, Betsey P. Wood and Sarah H. Anthony to attend it as our representatives. To report their attendance at our next meeting -

Matthew Howland
Clerk.

9th mo. 1877

Answers forwarded to Quarterly Mtg Ministers & Elders

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship & discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd The lives and conversation of ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men - We earnestly desire that more unity may be witnessed among us, and that we may be more prayerfully engaged to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth -

3^d Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well; and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in a good degree preserved in love; and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of
Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
11th Mo: 16th 1877 for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The clerk being absent Josiah
Holmes Jr is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives to our
last Quarterly Meeting report they
attended except two - for one of whom
a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries were read in this
Meeting and the following answers
adopted, which are directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
next to be held at New Bedford and
are appointed Isaac R. Dufford, Seth K
Skinner, William C. Taber, Mary A. Smith,
Anna H. Wood & Susan S. Thompson,
to attend as representatives and
report their attendance to our next
Meeting

Josiah Holmes Jr
Clerk for the day

11th Mo 1877

Answers forwarded to Quarterly Meeting of Ministers Elders -

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families -

2^d The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good measure clean and blameless amongst men.

There is a strong desire felt amongst them to be united one with another and with the Meeting to which they belong, and also to harmonize together in labor for the honor of Truth -

3^d They endeavor to rear their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

4th They realize in good degree the necessity of being present in love, and fervently pray that love may more abound amongst them; and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to Ministry or conduct

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 3^d Mo. 22nd 1878 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Queries were read in this meeting and the following answers approved which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting and appoint our friends Ephraim Gifford, Seth H. Akin, Moses Smith, Phoebe Glade, Huldah Gifford & Sarah H. Anthony to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting.

Matthew Howland, Clerk.

3^d mo. 1878.

Answers forwarded to 2^d Mtg Ministers & Elders
 1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in the attendance of their Meetings for Worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless Amongst Men. We earnestly desire that more unity may be witnessed among us, and that we may be more prayerfully engaged to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth -

3^d Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well; and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession -

4th They are in good degree preserved in love: and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford for the
Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport,
and New Bedford, 6th mo. 7th 1878.

The clerk being absent William C. Taber
was appointed clerk for the day.

The Queries were read in this
Meeting and Answers prepared which were
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting by our representatives, to which service
we appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, Moses
C. Smith, Nathaniel Gifford, Mary A. Smith
Huldah Gifford and Sarah H. Anthony,
and they are requested to report their attendance
to our next meeting.

Present
87

6th mo. 1878.

Answers to Queries

- 1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline and careful to promote the attendance of their families -
- 2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders, are in good measure clean and blameless among men - An earnest desire is felt that unity, might be more and more witnessed one with another, and with the meetings to which they belong and that harmony ~~for the~~ in labor for the honor of truth might prevail -
- 3^d They endeavor to rule their own houses well; and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our religious profession -
- 4th They are in a good degree preserved in love: administering encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

at a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford 9th mo. 20th 1848.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they were present with one exception for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned -

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Answers adopted which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Seth H. Akin, Wm B. Taber Ephraim Gifford - Huldah Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford and Susan J. Thompson to attend as our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance to our next Meeting

Attest M Howland

Clerk

Answers the same as adopted last -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 11th mo. 22^d 1848.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance -

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and we appoint our friends William C. Isber, Edw. G. Dillingham Josiah Holmes Jr, Rachel G. Howland, Mary A. Smith and Betsey P. Wood to attend it as our representatives, and they are requested to report their attendance to our next meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford for
the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport
and New Bedford, 3^d mo. 21st 1879.

The representatives appointed to attend
the Quarterly Meeting report they were all
present.

The Queries were all read in
this meeting and answers adopted which
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders and appoint our friends, Josiah
Holmes Jr, Moses Smith, Matthew
Howland - Mary A. Smith, Sarah H.
Anthony and Rachel S. Howland to attend
it as our representatives and they are
requested to report their attendances
to our next Meeting.

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford 6th mo 6th 1879.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Queries were read and answers adopted which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held Falmouth and appoint our friends William C. Taber, Edward G. Dillingham, Seth W. Ukin - Rachel S. Howland, Angelina S. Gidley and Sarah H. Anthony to attend it as our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance at our next meeting.

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 9th mo 19th 1879.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended with one exception.

The Queries were read in this meeting and Answers prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meetings of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, Moses Smith, William R. Taber, Huldah Gifford Mary A. Smith and Susan M. Thompson to attend it as our representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk

4th mo 1879.

Answers to Queries adopted at this time.

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to promote the attendance of their families -

2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. We believe there is an increase of love and unity among us; which we trust will lead us to labor in harmony for the honor of truth -

3^d A concern rests with our members to rule their own houses well; and they endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in good degree preserved in love; and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 11th mo 21st 1879. for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford -

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they were all present -

The Queries were read and Answers prepared and adopted, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends William C. Taber, Seth K. Akin, Moses Smith, Sarah H. Anthony, Anna G. Wood and Mary D. Taber to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next meeting -

attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

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Answers same as last Meeting.

at a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford Third month 19th 1880 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting, report they were present with one exception -

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Answers adopted, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Ephraim Gifford, Edw. G. Dillingham, Wm Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Huldah Gifford & Angeline S. Gidley to attend as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting -

A lively exercise has prevailed in this meeting, for the spiritual welfare of the younger Members of our religious society, that they may be brought to Christ and witnessing the forgiveness of their sins.

may take this yoke upon them and learn
of Him, and accepting the guidance of His
spirit may receive a qualification to
labor for the good of others - The Members
of this meeting on whom the concern seems
chiefly to rest are encouraged to faithfulness
in prosecuting the work and in holding such
religious meetings for this purpose as may
open for in the South -

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk

at a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford for
the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
Westport and New Bedford 6th mo. 4th 1880.

The representatives to our last
Quarterly Meeting report their attendance

The Queries were read in this meeting
with answers which were adopted and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly Meeting of ministers & Elders.
and we appoint William C. Taber, Moses
Smith, Ephraim Gifford - Mary A. Smith
Betsey P. Wood and Susan J. Thompson to
attend it as our representatives - To report
their attendance to our next meeting

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

To the Separation Society of Ministers
and Elders.

Dear Friends

Being unavoidably prevented
from being with you at this time, I take
this means of informing you of a desire
I have long felt to attend Brethren's Weekly
Meetings and to perform some religious
service within its limits as the Lord may
direct. If this is satisfactory to my friends
I would request their sanction for this
purpose and desire their prayer that the
blessing of the Lord may rest upon this
effort of faith and this name be glorified.

Truly your friend
Ruth S. Murray.

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At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 9th mo 1st 1880 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford—

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they were present—

The Queries were read at this time and answers prepared and adopted which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders next to be held at Sandwich and appoint Edward G. Dillingham, Matthew Howland, William C. Taber, Angelina S. Gidley, Huldah Gifford and Mary A. Smith to ^{attend} it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next meeting—

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 11th mo 19th 1880.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended with two exceptions -

The Quenes were read & answers prepared and adopted, which directed to be forwarded to ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, Seth W. Akin, Ephraim Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony, Anna G. Wood and Maria B. Smith to attend it as our representatives. to report their attendance to our next Meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

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11th mo 19th 1880.

Answers to Queries adopted at this time.

1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to promote the attendances of their families -

2nd The lives and conversations of Ministers and Elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men. A good degree of love and unity are maintained among us and with the Meetings to which we belong - harmonious labor together for the honor of truth is generally witnessed -

3^d A concern rests with our members to rule their own houses well: and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession -

4th They are in good degree preserved in love, and are concerned to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct -

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At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford for the
Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport
and New Bedford 3^d mo 18th 1881

The representatives to the Quarterly
Meeting report their attendance with one
exception for whose absence a sufficient reason
was assigned -

The Queries were read and Answers adopted
which are to be forwarded to the ensuing
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and
we appoint our friends Seth K. Akie,
Edward G. Dillingham, Moses Smith,
Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Smith
and Anna G. Wood to attend it as our
representatives to report their attendance
at our next meeting

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk

attendance 6 + 8

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at New Bedford for
the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
Westport and New Bedford 6th mo 2nd
1881.

The representatives to the Quarterly
Meeting report they all attended -

The queries were read at this time and
Answers which were approved, and directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting of Ministers and Elders and we appoint
our friends William C. Leber, Edward G.
Dillingham, Moses Smith - Susan J.
Thompson, Betsey P. Wood and Anna
G. Wood to attend it as our representatives -
To report their attendance at our next
Meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
Clerk.

At a Preparatory Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 9th to 16th 1881.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they were present with one exception -

The queries were read in this Meeting and Answer adopted, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and we appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, Matthew Howland, Seth K. Akin - Rachel S. Howland and Mary A. Smith to attend it as our representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting

Attest Matthew Howland
 Clerk

attendance 8+6

Answer to Queries 9th mo 1881.

1st Ministers & Elders are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to promote the attendance of their families —

2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men — An earnest desire is felt to maintain love and unity both among themselves and the meeting to which they belong and to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth —

3^d A concern rests with our Members to rule their own houses well: and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession —

4th Ministers and Elders are so constituted preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct —

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 11th mo 18th 1881. for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and elders report they were present with the exceptions -

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers prepared & adopted which were directed to be forwarded to ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and our friends Edward G. Dillingham, Moses Smith, Matthew Howland, Huldah Gifford & Sarah W. Anthony to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next meeting

Attest Matthew Howland,
Clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 3^d mo 17th 1882 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Select Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

The queries were read in this meeting with answers which were approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends William C. Taber, Seth K. Akin, Ephraim Gifford, Mary A. Smith, Maria B. Smith & Anna G. Wood to attend as our representatives - To report their attendance to our next meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 6th mo 2nd 1882.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Matthew Howland was appointed clerk for the year ensuing or until another appointment -

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders report they all attended -

The Surries were all read and Answers adopted which are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Edw. G. Dillingham Matthew Howland, Moses Smith, Huldah Gifford, Anna G. Wood and Jane G. Fisher to attend it as our representatives, to report their attendance to our next Meeting -

Attest Matthew Howland
clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for the Mrs. Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford 9th mo 22nd / 1882.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they were present except two -

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Ans were adopted, which are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting of Ministers & Elders and appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, William O. Taber Matthew Howland, Mary A. Smith and Ruth S. Murray to attend it as our representatives, to report their attendance to our next Meeting -

From the Printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, we are informed that a Minute was adopted by that Meeting with reference to the title, constituency & service of our Meetings of Ministers & Elders now designated as Meetings "on Ministry and Oversight -"

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and N. Bedford 11th and 17th 1882.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they were present with two Acceptions -

The clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informed this meeting, that they had united with New Bedford Mss. Meeting in the appointment of George Howland Jr to the station of Elder and that they had also united with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David S. Wood, John F. Tucker, John B. Baylis, Jonathan Cowen, Sarah L. Cartland Phebe B. Shcurn - Susan M. Seabury Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan L. Trapp, Mary C. Baylis, and Esther D. Macomber as Members of our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight -

The Queries were read at this time and Answers adopted, which are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

on Ministry and Oversight and appoint our friends Seth H. Akin, George Howland Junr. William C. Taber, Susan S. Tripp, Huldah Gifford and Mary A. Smith to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting—

Attest. Matthew Howland
clerk.

Ans. was to Queries adopted at this Meeting.
Ans. 1st We are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2nd An earnest desire is felt to maintain unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, and also in harmonious ly laboring together in gathering into Christ—

Ans. 3^d We are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy spirit— and careful not to misquote or mis apply them—

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 3^d Mo. 16th 1883 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford -

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, report that they all attended -

The Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informed this Meeting, they had united with Dartmouth Mo. Mtg in the appointment of Otis Glocum, Elizabeth S. W. Smith, Susan Kirby, Hannah A. Brightman and with Westport Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Gideon Gifford, Elbridge G. Chase, Hannah R. Gifford and Lizzie A. Taylor as members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Ans were prepared which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and we appoint our friends Edw. G. Dillingham, Moses Smith George Howland Jr, Mary E. Gifford, Susan Seabury and Ruth S. Murray as our

representatives. To report their attendance to our next meeting.

Attest Matthew Howland, clerk.

Attendance 10 + 14.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 6th mo 1st 1883, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford -

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Mtg on Ministry & Oversight report they were all present -

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Ans were adopted and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight and appoint our friends Otis Shocum, William C. Taber, Jonathan Cowen, - Rachel S. Howland, Sarah E. Cartland, Susan S. Tripp and Susan B. Kirby to attend it as our representatives, to report their attendance to our next Meeting.

11 + 19

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford 9th mo 21st 1883.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report their attendance with four exceptions, for the absence of two of these satisfactory reasons were assigned -

The Queries were read at this time & Answers prepared and adopted, which are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and appoint our friends Josiah Holmes Jr, Matthew Howland, Ephraim Gifford Hannah A. Brightman, Phebe B. Locum and Mary A. Smith to attend as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting.

Matthew Howland, Clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 11th mo 16th 1883. for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that three were present and for the absence of the others, sufficient reasons were assigned -

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers proposed and adopted which are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and appoint our friends Jonathan Cowen, George Howland Jun., John B. Baylies - Rebecca H. Smiley, Hannah A. Brightman and Elizabeth A. Taylor to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting.

Matthew Howland, Secy.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 3rd mo 21st 1884 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight report their attendance with one exception who was prevented attending by illness -

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answer, which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and appoint our friends Seth K. Ekin, William C. Taber, Ephraim Gifford - Phebe B. Glocum, Susan S. Tripp and Maria B. Smith to attend it as our representatives and report their attendance to our next Meeting.

Matthew Howland, clerk.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 6th mo 6th 1884 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Westport & New Bedford.

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Matthew Howland is appointed clerk for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report they attended excepting two—

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers from those required to be answered which were approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Mtg on Ministry and Oversight and appoint our friends Edw. G. Dillingham, Gideon Gifford George Howland Junr, Mary A. Smith, Hannah A. Brightman and Anna G. Wood to attend it as our representatives, to report their attendance to our next Meeting—

Y+12! Matthew Howland, clerk.

At a Separative Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at New Bedford,
Nov. 2. 1864 for the monthly meetings
of Trinitarian, Baptist and New Bedford.

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report
that they attended with two exceptions.

The Ladies were read at this time
with answers which were approved and
desired to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,
and we appoint our friends Emma Christie,
Edward H. Lillingham, Ephraim Gifford,
Angelina Richardson, Peter B. Wessum, &
Mary A. Christie, to attend it as our
representatives and report their
attendance at to our next Meeting.

Answer to the Queries adopted by this Meeting:

Ans. 1st.

We are diligent in attending our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2nd.

We are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, and also in harmoniously laboring together to gather unto Christ.

Ans. 3d.

We are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully, seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, - and careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparatory Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Mass. 21st. 1884. for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Haverford and New Bedford. Anna G. Wood is appointed to serve the Meeting as Clerk for the day.

In the providence of our Heavenly Father our dear friend, Matthew Howland, who has so long and acceptably served this Meeting as Clerk, has, since we last met, been called to "come up higher", and under a sense of the loss sustained, we desire to record at this time our appreciation of his upright Christian character, and his dedication to the cause of his Lord and Master.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight report that they attended according to appointment.

The Queries have been read with answers which are desired to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting on

Ministry and Oversight by our churches, since
we are William P. Macomber, Ruth W. Abner,
Ephraim Clippard, Esther D. Macomber,
Gouldat Clippard and Susan A. Clippard.

We are informed by the Clerk of
Haverhill Quarterly Meeting, that they
concur with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of the
following named Friends as members
of this Meeting, viz.

John H. Tucker, John H. Camp,
Edward H. Tucker, Thomas H. Hafford,
Leah E. Eastland, Adeline A. Miller,
Peter B. Deane, Susan M. Seabury,
Mary C. Baylis, Esther D. Macomber,
Mary Hafford, Peter H. Deane,
and Susan A. Clippard.

Anne G. Wood

Clerk for the day.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 3rd mo. 20th 1855 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Heston and New Bedford.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed, having expired Susan L. Thompson was appointed clerk for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that they attended according to appointment.

The judies have been read with answers which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight by our representatives, who are Susan M. Leabury, H. C. Fisher, Edward H. Hickory, Ruth L. Mussey, Elizabeth A. Taylor and Susan Kirby, who are to report their attendance at our next meeting.

Susan L. Thompson, clerk.

3 mo. 20.

Answer forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of the 18th.

Answer first. We are diligent in attending our Meetings for Worship and Discipline and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Answer second. A prayerful and earnest desire is felt by our members to live in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong and to harmonize in labor together in gathering unto Christ. But we feel that more earnest effort is needed in these respects.

Answer third. We are engaged in frequently searching the Holy Scriptures, often prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative meeting on Thursday
and Friday - held at New Bedford, Nov 3rd
1844 for the Society Meetings of Fairhaven
Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives of our last Quarterly Meeting
on Thursday and Friday - report that they
attended except one who was absent on account
of indisposition.

The names have been read with names
which are directed to be forwarded to the
ensuing Quarterly Meeting on Thursday and Friday
be our representatives who are Geo. Howard H.
Edmund Lyford, Isaac B. Bailey, Susan L. Lipp,
Samuel Brightman, & Mrs. V. Brewster who are
to report their attendance to our next meeting.

Susan L. Thompson clerk.

June 3.

Resolves forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight.

Resolves First. We are diligent in attending our
Meetings for worship and Discipline and endeavor
to promote the attendance of our families.

Resolves Second. A principle and earnest desire
is felt by our members to live in unity one with
another and with the meetings to which we
belong and to bear witness in labor together in
gathering unto Christ; that we feel that our
common effort is successful in these respects.

Resolves Third. We are engaged in frequently
searching the Holy Scriptures, often prayerfully seeking
a right understanding of their contents to see
the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit and
we are careful not to compromise a conscientious man.

At a Preparative meeting on Ministers and
Brought held at New Bedford Feb. 25 1885
for the Monthly Meetings of Districts,
Worcester and New Bedford.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent.
Rev. S. Murray was appointed to serve
this meeting for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Mtg
reported their attendance with the
exception of one who was unavoidably
detained.

The Surveys were read with the answers
which were directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Mtg by our Representatives
who are Edwin Gifford Thomas T.
Gifford, Husbab. Gifford Esther T.
Bourne and Mary Smith.

They were requested to report their
attendance at our next meeting.
A solemn feeling had overspread this
meeting and we have endeavored
to encourage one another to love

and good works.

Black L. Murray Church for the day
November 9/25

First. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline and endeavor to promote the attendance of our members.

Second. A prayerful and earnest desire is felt by our members, to live in unity and with us and with the meetings to which we belong and to harmonize in labor together in gathering unto Christ, but we feel that more earnest effort is needful in these respects.

Third. We are engaged in frequently searching the Holy Scriptures, often, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 11 mo. 20th 1883; for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Mtg. on Ministry and Oversight - report that they attended except one -

The queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight were read with the answers adopted by this meeting. They are to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives Seth K. Abner, John B. Perkins, Geo. Howland Jr. Phoebe Glade, Angelina Nicholson and Susan B. Kirby, who are requested to report their attendance at our next meeting.

Susan T. Thompson, clerk

The answers to the queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the Winter No. were adopted at this time -

At a Preparative meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 3rd mo. 19th 1886 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The clerk being absent - Wm P. Macomber was chosen for the day.

The representatives to our last quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that they attended.

The queries of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight were read with the answers adopted by this meeting. They are to be forwarded to the quarterly meeting by our representatives, Edward G. Dillingham, Arnold G. Trapp, George Howland Jr. Sarah H. Anthony, Esther D. Macomber, and Mary Haffords who are requested to report their attendance at our next meeting.

The answers to the queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in '9mo. 1885 were adopted at this time.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and
 Oversight held at New Bedford 6 mo. 4th 1886
 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport
 and New Bedford.

The clerk being absent Ruth S. Mearns
 was appointed to that service for the day.

The attendance of the Representatives to
 our last quarterly Meeting was reported.

The Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and
 Oversight were read and answered verbally
 by the members present. The following
 summary expressing the substance of the
 answers was directed to the quarterly
 Meeting. John B. Baylis, Mr. Phares, Mr.
 Ardy C. Baylis, Hannah A. Brighton and
 Susan Kirby and Edward B. Fillingham
 were appointed representatives to the said
 meeting. They are requested to report their
 attendance at our next meeting.

Ruth S. Mearns
 clerk for the day.

Answers. June 18th 1885.

Answer 1st Friends are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline and have sought to promote the attendance of their families.

Answer 2nd Unity and Christian love prevail among us and we are seeking to labor harmoniously together in gathering unto Christ, but we feel the need of warmer earnestness in this respect.

Answer 3rd To the different classes of the query, we can respond - Yes.

At a Preparation Meeting on Thursday
and Friday held in New Bedford. Dec 17
1876, for the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth
Westport and New Bedford.

The Clerk being absent Ruth L. Murray
was appointed to that service for the day.

Five of the representatives to the quarterly
meeting reported their attendance.

The names were read and the following
consensus adopted which were directed to
the Quarterly Meeting. The appointed Ephraim
Lippard, Arnold G. Lippard, Mr. B. B. Bunker
Ruth L. Murray, Phoebe C. Bunker, Mary
Lippard and Mary E. Lippard as our
representatives to that meeting.

An earnest, prayerful discourse preceded
the meeting and fervent petitions ascended
to him who has all power that we, his sheep
might be qualified for our respective services.
Encouraging us united to faithfulness and
trust in our covenant God, who is able to
supply all our needs, we appeared to meet

again on the 11th mo. next if permitted.

Ruth L. Murray, clerk for the day.

The answers to the queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Discipline in Conn. 1846 were adopted at this time.

A Representative Meeting on Ministry and Discipline held in New Bedford Nov. 19-1846 for the monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport & New Bedford.

Each of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported their attendance.

The queries were read and the following answers adopted which were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives, who are, Rev. Hurland Jr.

Thos. F. Hafford, Susan L. Trapp, Mary A. Smith, Rachel L. Howland and Liza H. Atkins who are to report their attendance to our next meeting.

With feelings of thanksgiving to our King

Let you this many concerns and
delinquencies, and fresh trust in Him for
the future we conclude -

Lusan T. Thompson, clerk.

Answer 1st Friends are diligent in
attending our meetings for worship and
discipline and are careful to promote the
attendance of their families.

Answer 2nd Unity and Christian love
prevail among us and we are seeking
to labor harmoniously together in gathering
unto Christ, but we feel the need of
more earnestness and Christian effort in
this respect.

Answer 3rd To the different clauses of
this prayer we can respond, We are.

At a Representative Meeting on Christianity and
 Temperance held in San Rafael, Aug. 10, 1887
 for the Monthly Meetings of Astoria, Westport
 and New Bedford.

The representatives to this Quarterly Meeting report
 that they attended according to appointment.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting
 was appointed having expired, Susan L. Thompson was
 appointed to that service for the ensuing year or
 until another appointment.

The queries were read and the following answers
 adopted which were directed to be forwarded to
 the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are,
 Mary E. Gifford, W. C. Cushman, Susan L. Gifford,
 Benjamin L. Ruby and Edward S. Billingham who
 are to report their attendance to our next meeting.

Under a sense of the loving presence of the
 blessed Spirit we so cheerfully preparing to meet
 again in next month next if permitted.

Susan L. Thompson, clerk.

Answer First. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Answer Second. Unity and Christian love prevail among us and we are seeking to labor harmoniously together in gathering unto Christ, but we feel the need of more earnestness and Christian effort in this respect.

Answer Third. We are careful in the several requisitions of this query.

A Preparative Meeting on Ministry and
Counsel held in New Bedford. to Nov-3. 1887.
for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
Westport, and New Bedford.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Ag.
attended with one exception.

The Queries were read and the following
Answers adopted which we forward to the
Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives.
who are Arnold G. Tripp, Edward G.
Dillingham, Esther S. Seacomb and
Susan S. Tripp, who are to report their
attendance to our next Meeting.

We have been earnestly exhorted to
more faithfulness and diligence in our
calling, as overseers of the flock of God,
and searching inquiry has been made
into the cause of the small attendance of
many of our Meetings. With thankful-
ness for the exercise which has prevailed
we conclude, proposing to meet ^{again} in ~~Nov~~ ^{March}
Nov. next if permitted. Anna E. Wood
Clerk for the day.

Ans. 1st

We are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2nd.

Unity and Christian Love prevail among us, and we are seeking to labor harmoniously together to gather unto Christ; but we feel the need of more earnestness and Christian effort in these respects.

Ans. 3d. --

To the different clauses of this Query we can respond, "We are".

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry-
and Oversight held in New Bedford Jan 16
1887. for the Monthly Meetings of Taunton
Westport and New Bedford.

The Representatives to the Quarterly M^g.
report their attendance at that time.

The Queries were read, and the following
answers adopted, which we forward to the
ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends
Josiah Holmes Jr. Thomas H. Haffard,
Chas Haffard, and Elizabeth A. Taylor
whom we appoint our Representatives.

Edward L. Tucker is appointed to
have a suitable number of cards
printed and sent to our Members,
giving the times of holding the Preparative
and Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and
Oversight during the year.

We conclude, proposing to meet
again in Eleventh month next in
New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk for the day.

Ans. 1st.

We are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship & discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2nd.

Unity and Christian love prevail among us, and we are seeking to labor harmoniously together to gather unto Christ; but we feel the need of more earnestness & Christian effort in these respects.

Ans. 3d.

We are careful in the several requisitions of this Query.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held in New Bedford
11th Mo 18th 1887 for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.
The clerk being absent Josiah
Holmes Jr is appointed Clerk for the
day.

The representations to conduct
Quarterly Meeting report they are
attendant.

Edwared D. Tucker reports he has
had cards printed and distributed
to our members as directed giving
the times of holding this preparative
meeting, also the times of the Quarterly
Meetings on Ministry and Oversight
and the places where held.

The Quiries were read with answers
which were adopted once directed to the
Parsonage to the Quarterly Meetings by
our friends George Westham L. Knobel & Briggs,
John B Baylies, Mary A. Smith, Mary E. Gifford

and Azubah Linn. whom we have
 appointed our representatives to
 attend and report to a future meeting.
 Knowing themselves the business people
 taken as in harmony and here we
 conclude proposing to ^{meet} in three months
 next in the place of the Free Permit.
 Attest Susan Holmes Clerk
 for the Cong.

Ans- 1st

We are diligent in attending our
 meetings for worship & discipline, and
 are careful to promote the attendance
 of our families -

Ans- 2^d

We are in unity one with
 another & with the Meetings to which
 we belong, endeavoring to labor in har-
 -mony in gathering unto Christ -

Ans-3^d

The core engaged frequently in
searching the Holy Scriptures. Properly
seeking a right understanding of their
contents under the influence of the
Holy Spirit; and are careful not to
misquote or misapply them.

A Preparative Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight held in New
Bedford 3rd mo. 16. 1888 for the Monthly
Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport
and New Bedford.

The time for which the clerk of this
meeting was appointed having expired
John P. Baylies was appointed to that
service for the year ensuing or until
another appointment.

The representations to the Quarterly Mtg.
reported that all attended.

The queries were read with answers
which were adopted and directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Mtg. by our
friends Wm P. Macomber, Mary E.
Gifford, Rachel S. Howland, Geo.
Howland Jr., Elizabeth Taylor and
John P. Baylies whom we appoint our
representatives to attend and report
to a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet in
the 5th mo. next at New Bedford

At a Preparative Meeting or Minister's
congregation held on A. B. 3rd Mo. 1858 for
the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Wesleyan
& New Bedford -

The time for which the clerk of this
meeting was appointed having expired, John
B. Baylies was appointed to that service
for the year ensuing or until another
appointment.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
reported that all attended

The queries were read with answers
which were adopted and directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our
friends Mr P. Macomber, Mary E. Clifford,
Rachel J. Howland, Geo. Howland Jr. &
Elizabeth Taylor - & John B. Baylies
whom we appoint our representatives to
attend and report to a future meeting.

The resolutions proposing to build
in Otis was sent up & A. B.

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To Edmund. Dearly darling in
mine and enough says to be his

at New Bedford

Dear friends

The names have been

and had known perhaps you the

among greatly many that has

found the our friends Joseph May

these fellow Joseph and Robert I am

and thank & May whom he appears

an acquaintance

from the motto of Edmund

perhaps meeting in London and

enough told of Edmund May the

Dear May May

if the Lord permit.

John P. Baylies Secy.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully, seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit; and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held in New Bedford
Nov. 1. 1888 for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport and New
Bedford.

The representatives to the Quarterly
Meeting report that all attended.

The queries were read with answers
which were adopted and directed
to be forwarded to the Qtrly. Mtg.
by our friends Geo. Howland Jr.
Joshua L. Macomber, Charlotte C.
Gardner, Hannah Brightman,

Edward G. Dillingham and Mary
C. Baylies whom we appoint our
representatives to attend and report
to a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet
in the Ninth month next
at New Bedford if the Lord
permit.

John C. Baylies Clerk.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit; and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on ministry and oversight held in New Bedford Jano. 21, 1888. for the monthly mtgs. of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to the City, meeting report their attendance with ³four exceptions.

The queries were read with answers which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to the quarterly mtg. by our friends Edward G. Dillingham Josiah Holmes Jr. Thomas F. Haffords Rachel S. Howland, Susan Kirby Geo. Howland Jr. and Susan S. Trapp whom we appoint our representatives to attend and report at a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet in the Eleventh month next. if the Lord permit.

John B. Paulis
Secret.

Ans. 1st. We are generally diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong endeavoring to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit; and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 11mo. 16. 1888. for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representations to the Quarterly Meeting report none were present owing to circumstances beyond their control. The queries were read

with answers, which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to the

Quarterly Meeting by our friends

Arnold G. Tripp, Josiah Holmes Jr. Esther D. Macomber, Rachel S. Howland

Jane G. Fisher, Sarah F. Potter and Gideon Gifford whom we appoint our

representations to attend and report at a future meeting. Josiah Holmes Jr.

Rachel S. Howland, Edmund G. Dillingham and Adelaide V. Wilbur

were appointed a committee to consider a proposition to devise means, that it may be, will tend to awaken our

associate members to a greater diligence in attending our meetings, and to an earnest desire to know more of their duties and privileges as members, and report to a future meeting.

John P. Baylies
Clerk.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline with some exceptions, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit: and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a special ^{Ref} meeting on ministry and oversight held at New Bedford 12 mo. 5. 1888 for the monthly Mtgs. of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford

The committee appointed at our last meeting in accordance with a proposition laid before us at that time, presented their views on the object and design of these meetings, which after due consideration is united with and all our members are encouraged to be diligent in the attendance of our meetings, and earnest in their endeavors to learn more of their duties and privileges as such, that in the end the cause of Christ may be advanced in our midst.

With love one to another and to our Heavenly Father in that he has been present with us and

graciously directed our proceedings
we conclude.

John P. Baylies
Clerk.

At a Representative meeting on minutes
and oversight held in New Bedford
June, 23, 1859 for the month's work
of Dartmouth, Westport and New
Bedford.

The time for which the date of this
meeting was appointed having expired
John P. Baylies was appointed to that
service for the year ensuing or until
another appointment.

The representatives to the City, & City
report that all attended.

The queries were read with answers
which were adopted and directed to
be forwarded to the City, & City, by
our friends Rachel S. Cleveland, William
S. Ayer, Joshua T. Henshaw, Josiah Weston
C. Melville & Milner, Thomas T. Henshaw

and Henry D. Moore whom we
 appoint our representatives to attend
 and report to a future meeting.
 We conclude proposing to meet in
 New Bedford in the sixth month next
 if the Lord permit.

John P. Baylies
 Clerk.

Dec. 1st. We are diligent in attending
 our meetings for worship and discipline
 and are careful to promote the attend-
 ance of our families, with some exceptions.
 Dec. 2^d. We are in unity one with
 another, and with the meetings to which
 we belong, endeavoring to labor in harmony
 in gathering unto Christ.

Dec. 3^d. We are engaged frequently in
 searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully
 seeking a right understanding of their
 contents under the influence of the Holy
 Spirit, and are careful not to misquote
 or misapply them.

At a Preparatory Meeting on minutes
and oversight held on Sat. Bedford
Conn. 1889 for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.
The representatives to the quarterly
meeting report that all attended
with one exception, for whose absence
a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries were read with answers
which were adopted and directed to
be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
by our friends Adeline V. Hyde, Anna
L. Wood, Hannah C. Brightman
Joshua L. Woodcomb, Benjamin H. K. K.
Joseph Holmes Jr and Charles V.
Howland whom we a special over-
representatives to attend and report
to a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet in
the 7th month next, if the Lord
permit.

John C. Baylies

Chas.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline with some exception, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2^d. We are in unity one with another, and within the meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3^d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on ministry
and oversight held in New Bedford
Jan. 20. 1869 for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford.

The representatives to the Quarterly
meeting report that they attended
with four exceptions.

The queries
were read with answers which were
adopted and directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly meeting by our friends
Josiah Holmes Jr., Harry C. Pugh's
Henny D. Stooms, Esther D. Macomber
Sarah C. Wright & William P. Macomber
whom we appoint our representatives
to attend and report to a future
meeting.

The clerk is directed to
have a suitable number of cards printed
and sent to our members, giving the
dates of holding the Preparative and
Quarterly meetings ^{on ministry and oversight} during the year.

We conclude proposing to meet in the 11th
month next if the Lord permits.

John C. Pugh's Clerk.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline with some exceptions, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We endeavor to live in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, and to labor in harmony in gathering into Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

The Disfranchising Meeting on Wednesday
 and Thursday night at the New Bedford
 Mass. 22 1854 for the monthly meeting
 of the Unitarian Methodist and New School
 Churches representatives to the quarterly
 meeting report that they attended
 with 2 exceptions.

The queries were read with answers
 thereto which were adopted and directed
 to be forwarded to the Q. B. M. C. on
 ministerial and oversight by our friends
 Josiah H. Colman Jr. Benj. H. Kirby
 Susan S. Trapp, Charles S. Smith
 Rachel S. Howland, Mary Hallford
 and Lydia Lifford whom we appoint
 our representatives to attend and report
 at a future meeting.

We conclude for this time in
 the 3d month 'next' if the Lord
 permit.

John P. Baylies
 Clerk

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline with some exceptions, and are careful to promote the attendance of our families.
 2nd. We endeavor to live in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, and to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, humbly seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministers
and Oversight held in New Bedford
Evs. 21. 1890 for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth, Westford and N. Bedford.

The time for which the Clerk
of this meeting was appointed having
expired. John P. Baylies was appointed
to that service for the year ensuing
or until another appointment.

The representatives to the Oly. Mtg.
reported that all attended.

The queries were read with answers
thereto, which were adopted, and direct-
ed to be forwarded to the Oly. Mtg.
by our friends John P. Baylies
Edmund T. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland,
Sarah J. Potter, David H. Potter and
Idelaide T. Wilbur whom we appoint
our representatives to attend and report
to a future meeting.

We concluded proposing to meet in New
Bedford, in the eighth mo. next if the Lord
permit
John P. Baylies Clerk.

Ans. 1st. We are diligent in attending our meetings, for worship and discipline with some exceptions, and are ^{very} careful to promote the attendance of our Families.

Ans. 2d. We endeavor to live in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, and to labor in harmony in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or to misapply them.

A Preliminary meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held in New Bedford
June 6, 1890, for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.
The representatives to the Qthy. Mtg.
reports that all attended.

The queries were read with answers
thereto, which were adopted and decid-
ed to be forwarded to the Qthy. Mtg.
by our friends Edmund S. Dillingham,
Arnold S. Tripp, Rachel B. Howland,
Anna S. Wood, Susan B. Kishy, Susan
S. Tripp and Geo. Howland Jr.
whom we appoint our representatives to
attend and report to a future meeting.
We conclude proposing to meet in New
Bedford in the Ninth month next, if
the Lord permit.

John B. Paulis
Clerk

The answers to the queries sent to the Qthy.
Mtg. on Ministry and Oversight in the
third mo. last were adopted. At this time,

It was a preparative meeting on
 usually held on
 the second of Jan. 19, 1890 for
 the monthly meeting of
 the North West End of
 Bedford.

The representatives to the City
 committee reports were attended, and
 was exceptional. The queries were
 read with answers thereto, which
 were adopted and directed to be
 forwarded to the City. By
 our friends Edmund S. Dillingham,
 Edmund R. Gilford, Geo. Southard,
 Harry W. Houghton, and Wm. L. Wood.

Today C. Boyden and Wilson Wood
 who was appointed as representatives
 to attend next report to a future
 meeting. The speaker directed
 to take a suitable number of
 cards printed and sent to our
 members, giving the dates of hold-
 ing the Public and City mts. and

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At a Preparative Meeting and
Ministry and Oversight held in
New Bedford 11 mo. 21. 1890 for the
Monthly Mtgs. of Dartmouth Westport
and New Bedford

The representatives to the Qlty. meeting
reports that all attended. The queries
were read with answers thereto, which were
adopted and directed to be forwarded to
the Qlty. meeting by our friends Edward
H. Lusk, Adeline V. New, Esther D.

Macomber, Rachel R. Howland, H.
 Henry Wilbur Alice R. Howland and
 Tom B. Macomber whom we appoint our
 representatives to attend and report to
 future meeting.

A proposition to present the name of
 Susan S. Thompson to New Bedford
 Monthly Meeting for the acknowledgement
 of her gift in the ministry was fully
 acted with.

We conclude proposing to meet in the
 3d. month next if the Lord permit
 John C. Carlier.
 Secy.

The answers to the queries adopted in
 the 3d. month last were adopted at
 this time.

At a Preparative meeting on Ministry
 and Oversight held in New Bedford
 3 mo. 20. 1891 for the Monthly meeting
 of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report all attended with one exception. For whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired John P. Paylis is appointed to that service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment.

The queries were read with answers thereto, which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Mtg. by our friends Ephraim Gifford, Edmund E. Dillingham, Lideon Wood, Amos G. Wood, Sarah E. Potter, Mary C. Harcombe, Rachel S. Howland and Sarah C. Wright whom we appoint our representatives to attend and report to a future meeting. We conclude proposing to meet in the 6th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

John P. Paylis
Clerk.

The answers to the queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the Third month last, were adopted at this time.

A Preparative meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford June 5. 1891 for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that all attended with one exception for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. The queries were read with answers thereto which were adopted and directed to be forwarded ^{to the Quarterly} for our friends. Wm P. Macomber, Rachel V. Thompson, Geo. C. Pike, John B. Paulis, Rebecca S. Hubbard, Mary C. Paulis, Mary Chafford and Anna C. Woods whom we appoint our representatives to attend.

and report to a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet in New Bedford in the 28th month next, if the Lord permit.

Yours &c. J. H. C. G. G. G.

Ans. 2^d. We are anxiously engaged in attending our meetings for counsel and discipline, and in promoting the attendance of our young friends. We endeavor to live in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, and to labor in harmony and gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3^d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy scriptures, carefully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministers
and Oversight held in New Bedford
Jmo. 18. 1891. for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford.
The representatives to the Quarterly
Meeting that all attended with
exceptions. The queries were read
with answers thereto, which were adopted
and directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly Meeting by our friends
Gideon Wood, Ephraim Gifford
Wm P. Macomber, Esther D. Macomber
Angelina Ricketson, Susan S. Trapp
Perry H. Kirby and Mary Haffords
whom we appoint our representatives
to attend and report to a future
meeting. We conclude proposing to
meet in New Bedford in the 11th
mo. next if the Lord permit.

John C. Baylies Clerk.
The answers to the queries sent to the
Qly. Mtg. in the 6th mo. last were adopted
at this time.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministerial
and Oversight held in New Bedford Mass
20, 1891. for the Monthly Mtgs. of Dart-
mouth Westport and New Bedford.
The representatives to the Quarterly Mtg.
reported they attended with 4 exceptions.
The queries were read with answers there-
which were adopted and directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Mtg. by our
Scribes & Geo. H. Cleveland Jr. Wm P.
Harcornbe Rachel S. Harcound, Jane S.
Fisher, Esther D. Harcornbe, Mary C.
Gifford, Sarah C. Wright & Geo. C. L. K.
showed we appoint our representatives to
attend and report to a future Meeting.
We conclude proposing to meet in New-
Bedford in the 3d. Mo. next if the
Lord permit

John P. Byrd's Clerk

Ans. 1st. We are generally careful
in attending our meetings for worship and
discipline and in promoting the attend-

ance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong. Harmoniously labouring together in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

At a Preparative Meeting on ministry and Oversight held at N. Bedford 3mo. 18. 1892 for the Monthly Mtgs. of Dartmouth, Westbrook and New Bedford. The time for which the date of this meeting was appointed having expired John B. Baylies is appointed to that service for the same evening or until another

appointment.

The representatives to the Qth. Cong. report they attended. Our dear friend Geo. W. Corbitt Jr. having gone to his home, and his wife now again to be heard in our meetings, his attendance was reported by another.

The queries were read, with answers thereto which were adopted and directed to be forwarded to our Qth. Cong. and Ministry and Oversight by our friends Edward L. Dillingham, Adeline A. Tyler, Anna L. Wood, Stephen Wood, John C. Daylies, Benj. W. Kirby and Rachel L. Corbitt whom we appoint our representatives to attend and report to a future meeting.

A proposition to acknowledge the gift in the ministry of our dear friends H. Carmah & Brighton and Alice W. Winslow was introduced at this time, and in both cases was fully united with. The Clerk is directed to

forward this information to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for concurrence.

We conclude by expressing the expectation that we shall meet in New Bedford in the 6th mo. next if the Lord permits.

John B. Baylies
 Clerk.

Ans. 1st. We are generally careful in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and desirous to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2d. We are in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3d. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, diligently seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

A Conference meeting on Ministry and
Consignment held in New Bedford, Mass. 3. 1844
for the Quarterly Mtg. of Eastworth
Westport and New Bedford.

Representatives to the Quarterly Mtg.
report they attended with one exception.
The Minutes were read with answers
thereto which were adopted and directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Mtg. on
Ministry and Consignment by one of the
John C. Baylies, Abner S. Whipple, Thomas
H. Beecher, Rachel S. Howland,
Lyndine Ricketson, Sarah E. Wright,
Edmond L. Dillingham, George C. Clinton,
Eldon Lillard & Susan C. Kirby.
When we appoint our representatives
to attend and report to a future mtg.
We conclude proposing to meet in N. Bedford
on the 9th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

John C. Baylies Clerk.
The minutes adopted in the 3rd mo. last
were adopted at this time.

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford June 16, 1892 for the Congregations of Dartmouth Westport and New Bedford.

The representatives to the City Meeting report they attended with 3 exceptions.

The Queries were read.

Wm P. Macomber, Wm. Thompson, Eideon Gifford, Susan S. Thompson, Mary Hafford, Mary C. Faylis and Ephraim Gifford are appointed representatives to attend the City Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and report to a future meeting.

We conclude proposing to meet in New Bedford in the 12th month next if the Lord permit.

John S. Briggs,
Clerk.



